

Friday, March 15, 2019

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

9:00—GENERAL SESSION -- OPEN MEETING

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks
Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin
OT Member.....Kim Sands
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre
Consumer Member.....E.J. Quinn

Staff

Assistant Director.....Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....Carla Boyd

Guests

NBCOT Representative.....Barbara Wilson

Members Absent

Secretary.....Kimberly Goodman

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of March General Session Agenda. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve. Ms. Sands seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of February General Session Minutes. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve. Ms. Sands seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 19 OTs and 8 OTAs from February's Executive Session. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'19

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Early Fingerprinting Update

- i. People are continuing to be fingerprinted. The last group has been notified that they should be fingerprinted by March 31st, although they technically have until April 30th before it would prohibit them from renewing on time.
- ii. Reminder: the last two days of renewals fall on a weekend, and Board Staff will not be available by phone on the weekend. This does not change the last day of renewals.
- iii. Ms. Banks asked for the other Board members to share the Board's Facebook posts.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. SB 974 Update

- i. Several of the Boards have a joint statement opposing the bill. Ms. Murray will give more updates when they are available.

b. Dry Needling Regulation Development: Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN, Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

i. Dry Needling Update

1. Mr. Martin and Ms. Quirk are working diligently on the research for a MOTA presentation.
2. Ms. Quirk said that there is some legislation in the works regarding dry needling.
3. Ms. Murray said that the Board of Acupuncture is including the Board of Physical Therapy in their practice act, but the Board of OT will refrain from commenting at this time.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Kimberly Goodman, MS, OTR/L

Kim Sands, OTD, OTR/L

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Denise Goetz

a. Nothing to report.

4. Choosing Wisely Ad Hoc Committee—

Daniel Martin, OTR/L, FAAPM, FASSET, CMTPT/CDN

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Staff: Jo-Ann Lane, Lauren Murray

- a. Mr. Martin and Ms. Quirk will find pictures.
- b. Ms. Murray will schedule a time to meet.

- ii. Ms. Boyd said that the OT may want to look at the home health scope of practice and see if the OT is actually performing home health aide tasks.
- iii. Ms. Murray noted that they are working outside of their certification. She will compose a draft of a response.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Staffing Adjustments
 - a. Ms. Murray is pregnant and will be on maternity leave this fall.
 - b. In her absence, the Board will hire a temporary employee beginning in July.
- 2. Report from AOTA technical Board.
 - a. Ms. Quirk said that it is going smoothly, and they will be doing a presentation at the conference.
 - b. The presentation's main impact is OTA payment changes and the role of the OTA.
 - c. Ms. Banks asked for the date and time of the conference so that she could add it to her schedule. It is Tuesday, April 4 from 2:00-3:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. Mr. Martin has been invited to participate in the NBCOT Certification Renewal Practice Analysis Panel on April 12-13th and he will report back at the April meeting.
- 2. April's Board Meeting will take place at the Board Office in Classroom #3 on the second floor.
- 3. Financial Disclosure Forms are due April 30, 2019.
- 4. If anyone needs anything from the AOTA conference, please let Ms. Banks, Ms. Sands or Mr. Quirk know.

Board meeting was closed at 9:59 am.